

**A HANDBOOK FOR NURSERY NURSES.** By A. B. Meering, S.R.N., S.C.M.  
Second edition. (Pp. xiv + 536; fig. 116. 21s.). London: Baillière,  
Tindall & Cox. 1953.

PROFESSOR ALAN MONCRIEFF remarks in his introduction that all have their own ideas on the way in which the child shall be fed, managed, clothed, protected and educated. Acknowledging such differences of viewpoint almost all concerned with child health will welcome this well balanced and beautifully produced text-book. Designed to cover the syllabus of the National Nursery Examination Board, and now enlarged to cover the needs of the student taking a Supplementary Certificate in Infant Care, the book cannot fail also to interest all who have children in their care. The greater part of it will be of value to mothers of young families and the family doctor can recommend it for its common sense attitude on the care of the normal child.

Mrs. Meering discusses the physical and mental growth of the child and his management with a wide understanding and with appreciation of individual variations, and she manages to provide guidance without laying down rigid rules. She advises on food both in general and by providing details, and even recipes which will be useful to the inexperienced housewife. Clothing and hygiene are discussed and there is a section on general anatomy and physiology which seems adequate for the nurse. Home nursing, invalid cookery and notes on ailments and accidents are brief, but convey much pertinent information the nurse and mother will be glad to have.

The widespread study of this book would increase the health and happiness of young children in hospitals and more especially in their own homes.

**SNAKES ALIVE: THE JOURNAL OF THE BELFAST MEDICAL SCHOOL,**  
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THE Belfast Medical Students' Association are to be congratulated on their courage in publishing this new journal and on the contents of the two numbers which have already appeared. The articles are a happy mixture of serious items such as clinical memoranda and book reviews, items of humorous prose and verse, clever line drawings and news of work and sport in the medical school. They show that there is talent in the Medical Faculty which other faculties should envy. We hope that before long some of the writers will be contributing to the more staid pages of this journal. We are sure our readers will join with us in wishing this venture success and a long life.

**A METHOD OF ANATOMY.** By J. C. Boileau Grant, M.C., Ch.B.,  
F.R.C.S.(Edin.). Fifth edition. (Pp. xxiv + 870; figs. 862. 54s.). London:  
Baillière, Tindall & Cox. 1952.

THE text of this new edition of the descriptive and deductive "Method of Anatomy" has been revised, but not increased in total amount. The main plan remains unaltered, but many new illustrations have been inserted and a number of old ones improved. The clarity of text and diagram remains unimpaired, and the emphasis on the correlation of structure and function is everywhere apparent. This is a book designed to make anatomy rational, interesting and of direct application to clinical problems, and as such, can be recommended as a constant companion in the dissecting-room, museum or study. The post-graduate reader will readily appreciate the striking way in which the author brings out underlying principles, and how obvious he can make the relationship of structure with function. The constant reference to the surface relations of deeper structures is also worth noting, as this keeps the clinical approach to anatomy before the student throughout his course. No attempt has been made to cover the anatomy of the brain, which, in view of the success of the author's method for other parts of the body, can only be regretted. It is to be hoped that the opportunity of the present period of change will lead to a new and greater awareness by students of the merits of this useful book. W. R. M. M.